

## What's Developing

The Eureka Community Development Company has money available for loans to businesses. This is in an account called the Revolving Loan Fund. The only thing that money can be used for is to make loans to businesses. As it is repaid, the money goes back into that fund. It is continually loaned out and repaid into that account. It has revolved in and out of that account many times over the years.

This is a low interest loan and there is currently \$29,000 available to be loaned.

Loans are typically used for gap financing. An example of gap financing would be if a business has a loan with a bank or other lending institution and needs another amount of money to make the deal work. That "gap amount" is where Eureka Development can make a loan and become one of the lenders.

Over the years, loans have been made to businesses from banks, NECOG, NESDEC, and others with Eureka Community Development Company as one of the lending partners. ECDC has a money lender license through the Department of Labor, Division of Banking, and this license is renewed annually.

The process for obtaining a loan from ECDC is to have a business plan, fill out an application from ECDC, and meet in person with the board of directors.

Business planning can be done through the Small Business Development Center in Aberdeen. Contact ECDC for information about this free service.

Further information on business loans is available and specific questions can be answered by stopping at the ECDC office.

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